1	2	3	4	5	6
15	Surendranagar	Surendranagar	620	620	—
16	Surat	Surat	857	769	88
17	Vadodra	Vadodra	906	773	133
18	Valsad	Valsad Navsari	688	613	75
19	Dang	Dang	70	53	17
20	UT	Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman	22	21	1
	TOTAL:		13510	1254	965

Out of order public telephones

†1837. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that most of the public telephones installed at public places remain out of order;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government porpose to take any steps to improve this service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, the Public Call Offices (PCOs) installed at public are checked on regular basis and normally these PCOs work satifactorily. In case a PCO gets out of order the fault is rectified.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) To improve the service further, the following steps are being taken:

(i) Providing more number of attended PCOs through Franchise Scheme.

(ii) Replacement of old type of CCB PCOs by CBT-95.

(iii) Regular Inspections

Telephone on demand in Andhra Pradesh

1838. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether telephone is available on demand in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if not, what is the present status of DoT's plans to provide telephone on demand in the State;

(c) by when telephone would be available on demand in the State; and

(d) what is the current position of the State in availability of telephone *vis-a-vis* other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However in accordance with provision of NTP's 99 to make available telephone on demand, Government has already issued licenses to the private operators to supplement the efforts of the PSU's.

(c) Telephone will be made available on demand in next financial year subject to availability of resources.

(d) The position of availability of telephones (working connections) as on 31.10.2001 *vis-a-vis* other states is given in the statement (*See* below). Telephone density per hundred population is also given in the statement.

Statement

State-wise telephone connections and teledensity as 31.10.2001

Sl.No.	State	Telephone Connections	Tele-Density
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	31130	8.74
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3313365	4.38
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	41571	3.81
4.	Assam	402309	1.51
5.	Bihar	727019	0.88
6.	Chhattisgarh	234832	1.13
7.	Delhi	2781664	20.18
8.	Goa	161358	12.01
9.	Gujarat	2910286	5.71
10.	Haryana	937053	4.44
11.	Himachal Pradesh	400011	6.58

Sl.No.	State	Telephone Connections	Tele-Density
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	195265	1.94
13.	Jharkhand	324088	1.20
14.	Karnataka	2685944	5.09
15.	Kerala	2610401	8.18
16.	Madhya Pradesh	1342517	2.22
17.	Maharashtra	6560423	6.78
18.	Manipur	30129	1.26
19.	Meghalaya	48303	2.09
20.	Mizoram	39220	4.4
21.	Nagaland	34704	1.75
22.	Orissa	606454	1.65
23.	Punjab	1915945	7.61
24.	Rajasthan	1504833	2.00
25.	Sikkim	27776	5.14
26.	Tamilnadu	4019695	6.37
27.	Tripura	60639	1.9
28.	Uttar Pradesh	2745458	1.65
29.	Uttaranchal	275337	3.25
30.	West Bengal	2308434	2.86

Note: Status in Respect of Fixed Telephone Connections and Cell Phones provided by Private Operators for Circles Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Sikkim and NE II are included in Bihar, MP, UP, West Bengal and NE I respectively.

Expansion of telecom network in A.P.

1839. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecom network is being expanded in the villages and Tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 2001-2002, there is a plan to set up 150 telephone exchanges and to add 79,184 lines of switching capacity in the villages of Andhra Pradesh, out of which, 38 telephone exchanges have been set up and 25,944 lines have been added so far.

In tribal areas, there is a plan to set up 10 telephone exchanges and to add 13,644 lines of switching capacity during the current year